

A Quiz: State Capitol East Steps & West Steps

This is a quiz. The **east steps** of the State Capitol are on the **left**. The **west steps** of the State Capitol are on the **right**. What is the difference?



You are correct if you noticed that **the east steps are lacking a hand railing**. The east steps are new and ready to go, but they cannot be used until they have a hand railing. However, the hand railing has to be fabricated to match the original design (see picture below) similar to what is on the west steps. In order to comply with ADA regulations, the top railing has to be slightly more rounded so it is easier to grip.



According to **Jan Frew**, Design and Construction Manager, Division of Public Works, once the east steps hand railing is completed by the vendor and is installed, we can open the east steps for use and then the contractor can begin to demolish the old west steps. However, since the Legislature starts on Monday, January 7, the contractor has to wait for demolition until the Legislature is not trying to conduct business over the jackhammers while also trying to minimize noise during work hours of State Capitol employees. What a balancing act! At least the demolition of the steps is not weather-dependent. One can demolish even in the snow. Stay tuned...

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